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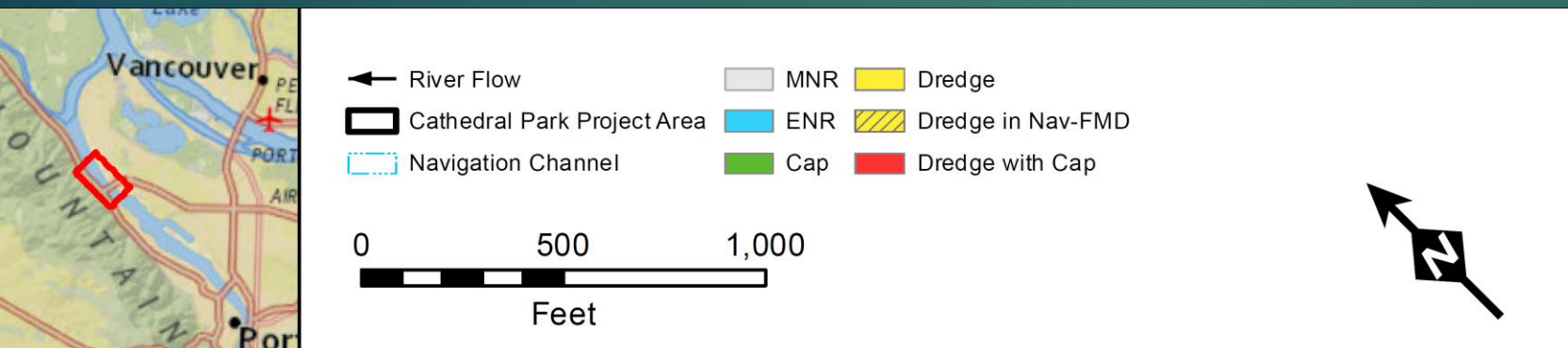
Welcome!

Cathedral Park Project Area Working Group

First Meeting!

Cathedral Park Project Area

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Introductions!

- ▶ **Please consider sharing:**
 - ▶ Your **name**
 - ▶ Your **organization** or **affiliation** ('interested community member' is just fine!)
 - ▶ Your **preferred pronouns** (such as: she/her/hers, he/him/his, they/their/theirs)
 - ▶ Your **main reason** for joining this Cathedral Park Project Area Working Group 😊

Agenda for Today

- ▶ **Discuss EPA contracting** at the Cathedral Park Project Area (for EPA-led *initial* sampling work)
- ▶ **Discuss EPA's goals/outcomes** for sampling work at the Cathedral Park Project Area
- ▶ **Summarize & Discuss Next Steps** for this Working Group
 - ▶ Future topics for this group to discuss and develop?
 - ▶ Schedule March Meeting?

    
Sharing the virtual space  

Cathedral Park Project Area Working Group Overview

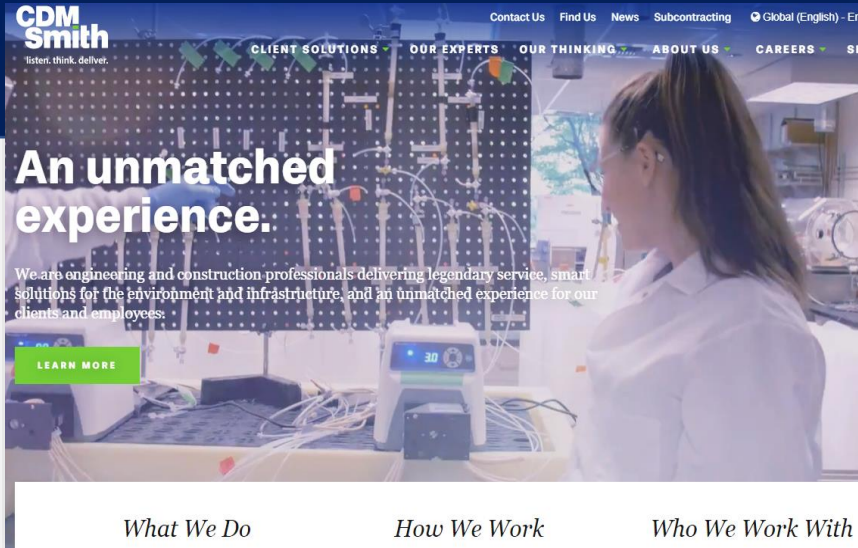
- ▶ **Purpose:** Discuss and develop community education and engagement opportunities for EPA's *initial* sampling work at the Cathedral Park Project Area (planned to start in Spring 2021)
- ▶ **Time Commitment:** Once a month for up to 90 minutes, unless the working group deems that no monthly meeting is needed.
- ▶ **Future of Working Group:** Once EPA enters into an agreement with a working party or parties for the Cathedral Park Project Area, the future of this group is uncertain.

Contracting & EPA Initial Sampling Work

Setting Expectations

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- ▶ EPA has received lots of questions about **how contracting and procurement work**
- ▶ **CDM Smith is EPA's technical contractor for:**
 - ▶ Site-wide oversight support
 - ▶ Project area specific work (currently the Cathedral Park Project Area & Unassigned Areas)
- ▶ CDM Smith has agreed to come to talk today **because EPA is directly in charge of the work at the Cathedral Park Project Area**
- ▶ EPA **does not control** who CDM Smith hires for work



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Global Depth

- Founded in 1947. Over 5,000 environmental professionals in 129 offices in 23 countries
- Privately owned engineering and construction firm delivering legendary client service and smart solutions in water, environment, transportation, energy and facilities
- Providing **Superfund** expertise to EPA and others since the law was enacted

Regional and Local Presence

- Local offices in Oregon (Portland), Washington, California, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, and Utah
- Portland office opened in 1989. Staff of 15, many who are graduates of local schools (Oregon State University and Portland State University)
- **CDM Smith** has supported EPA on the Portland Harbor Superfund Site since 2005
- **Typical PH support is focused on oversight** of Performing Party work and work products. For Cathedral Park, EPA (through CDM Smith's support) will be performing the additional sampling needed to inform the engineered design of the project area specific remedy

Today's **CDM Smith** presenters: Portland Harbor Program Manager Scott Coffey and EPA Delivery Leader Dee Cartwright

How We Were Selected

EPA Design and Engineering Services (DES) Contract

- EPA opened the competition for the new DES contract
- Firms submit qualifications to EPA and EPA developed a “short list”
- Firms made additional submissions to EPA (cost proposal, quality, and conflict of interest)
- EPA made the DES awards
- **CDM Smith** is one of only five firms that won the right to compete for work nationwide

Current Portland Harbor DES Work Assignment

- EPA issued a request for qualifications to DES qualified firms
- **CDM Smith** was selected based on our qualifications for the Portland Harbor (sediments, multiple PRPs, mega-project expertise, etc.)
- **CDM Smith** was asked to submit a request for proposal

EPA followed a long and deliberative process (2015 to 2020) to ensure competition between firms



Types of Goods and Services We Contract Out



How We Procure a Contractor or Service

Most solicitations are Small Business Set Asides unless there will not be sufficient participation

- We adhere *strictly* to the **Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR)** (government contracting rules)
- We develop a **list of qualified firms** (requirements include insurance, references, financial responsibility, etc.)
- We develop and **issue a scope** of work then **gather bids** for the work (ideally, we need at least 3)
- We **compare qualifications, cost, and availability** of bids to select the chosen firm for the scope of work provided

Local firms interested in participating in procurement actions are encouraged to register as a supplier on the CDM Smith web site (www.cdmsmith.com/en/subcontracting), register in SAM* (www.sam.gov), check the CDM Smith web page for current active procurements, and email the Purchasing and/or Subcontracts Manager with interest.

*SAM = System for Award Management

Small Business Contracting

- Our EPA contracts have goals for small businesses, and we make a good faith effort to provide the maximum opportunity to participate
- Our goals and performance (actual percentages of contract awards for small business categories) over the last 15 years are:
 - **Small business**
 - **Small disadvantaged business**
 - **Veteran-owned/disabled veteran-owned small business**
 - **Women-owned small business**
 - **Historically underused business (HubZone) small business**
- We greatly exceeded our total small business goals and most of the individual goals, even though we missed the small business disadvantaged category.

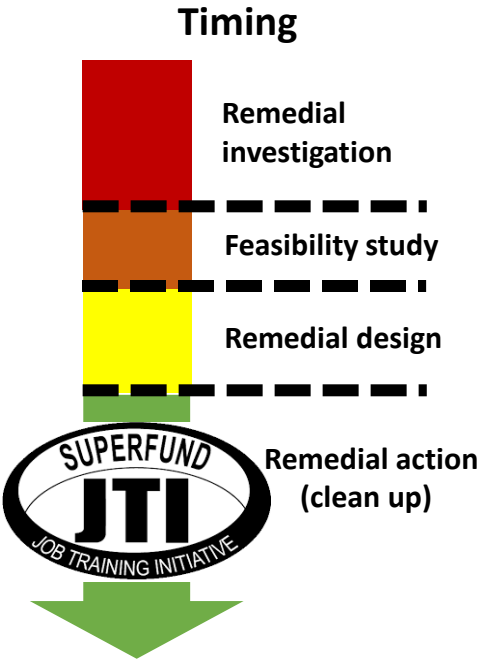


Find out if your business qualifies for one of these contracting-assistance categories at www.sba.gov.
If you do qualify, get certified, and then **let us know**.

Superfund Job Training Initiative (SuperJTI)

- Getting a **SuperJTI** grant, then developing and implementing training, takes significant time and planning, so **SuperJTI** is **best suited to work that extends over a long period of time (at least a year)** in order to provide the most job experience for the people being trained
- **SuperJTI** training is **best suited for remedial cleanup work** (such as, heavy equipment operator, technician, dump truck driver, and materials handler). Remedial investigation and design work requires more expertise and formal education than can be provided through **SuperJTI** training

For more information on **SuperJTI**, visit www.EPA.gov





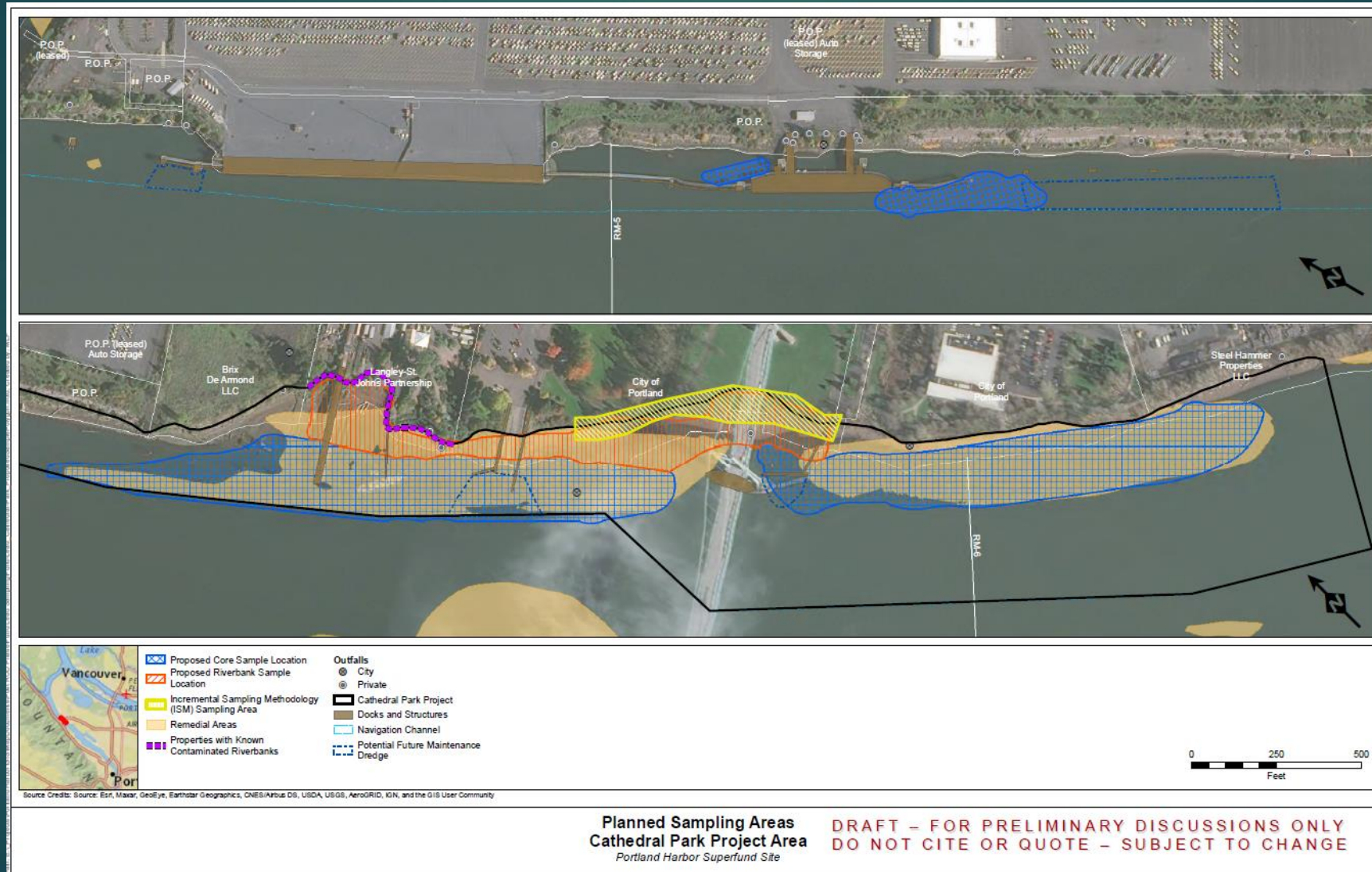
Questions?

For additional questions:

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Proposed Sampling at Cathedral Park Project Area

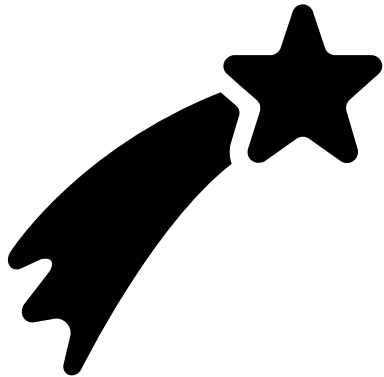


EPA's *Initial* Sampling Goal/Outcome

Cathedral Park Project Area

- ▶ **EPA Goal:** Conduct sampling to gain a clearer understanding of where the contamination is at the Cathedral Park Project Area (including limited riverbanks & the Cathedral Park beach sampling) to begin cleanup design

Question for Working Group Members: What questions do you have that you hope this EPA initial sampling work will answer?



Summarize + Discuss **Next Steps**

- ✓ Action Items?
- ✓ Proposed Topics for Next Meeting?
- ✓ Schedule Next Meeting?

Thank You!